

# A CATECHISM,

For the Meridian of Shrewsbury, December 22nd, 1795.

Q. **W**HAT is your name?

A. *A Freeman*, or Freeman-Burgefs.

Q. Who gave you this name?

A. The Candidates for a Seat in the House of Commons.

Q. Wherein does your FREEDOM confift?

A. First, In having the liberty to eat, drink, and revel in debauchery, from the commencement of the canvafs to the diffolution of Parliament, let that time be what may:—And all this on *freecoft*.

Secondly, In giving my vote to that candidate, or his friends, whom I fhall conceive the moft likely to ferve my own *private* interefts, without any regard to the comparative merits of the candidates, or the welfare and profperity of the borough or kingdom.

Q. What fort of morality do you call this?

A. This I call *political* morality; and it is this morality which has the greateft influence on the conduct of very many electors.

Q. Are there no electors who vote on other principles?

A. Yes: There are fome who think, judge, and compare before they promife; and then give their fuffrage, fo that their hearts may not reproach them, for a violation of thofe principles of morality, which ought to regulate the conduct of every man, efpecially if he profefs to be a CHRISTIAN.

Q. Is that promife binding which has been obtained on a *false* ftatement of facts?

A. All cafuifts fay NO; efpecially if it be to the injury of a third perfon.